



## Miami-Dade Parks February 2005 Calendar of Events

### TUESDAY, 1

#### **Golf Lessons for Autistic Children**

4-5 p.m. \$40/6 sessions. Ages 6 and older with autism. Children will learn the basics of golf techniques and etiquette. Call Jody at 305.234.4948 for registration. Briar Bay Golf Course, 9373 SW 134 St, Miami

#### **Skyward Kites**

10 a.m.-Sunset. Daily. Kite sale and rental at Haulover Beach Park, 10800 Collins Ave., Miami Beach, 305.893.0906.

#### **Selections from the Collection of the Black Heritage Museum**

9 a.m.-6 p.m. Free. Monday-Friday. Thru February 17. This exhibition features work from West Africa and include rare Nok statuary from Nigeria dated from 500 BC - 200 AD. African Heritage Cultural Arts Center, 2166 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Miami, 305.638.6771

#### **Yoga Classes**

6-7:30 p.m., Tuesdays; 10-11:30 a.m., Wednesdays. \$60 for a six-week session. Yoga taught by Marlene Shulman. Call 305.235.1668, ext. 225 for more information. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami

#### **Water Safety Skills Class**

\$40/10 classes. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Ages 6 and older with disabilities. Class covers all levels of swim lessons, water exploration, and water safety. Call 305.665.5319 (v/tdd) for schedule. A.D. Barnes Pool, 3701 SW 72 Ave., Miami

#### **Swim Team**

5-6 p.m. \$40/5 weeks Water exercise \$30/5 weeks. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Swim classes and competitions for individuals 13 and older with developmental disabilities. Leisure Access Center, 3401 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.665.5319 (v/tdd)

#### **Deering Historic Tours**

10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$7 adults; \$5 children. Daily. Tour the historic 1922 Stone House, the 1896-1900 Richmond Cottage and the 450-acre environmental preserve featuring archaeological sites and rare native flora and fauna. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.235.1668

#### **Dog Park**

Sunrise-Sunset. Free. Monday-Friday. \$4 parking per vehicle on Saturday and Sunday. The park offers five acres of enclosed green space with walking trails and water fountains for dogs. Dog Park at Amelia Earhart Park, 401 East 65 St., Hialeah, 305.685.8389

#### **Deering Natural Areas Tours**

Daily. Free with park admission: \$7 adults; \$5 children. Take a guided walking tour through a tropical hardwood hammock to a Tequesta Indian burial mound. On the half-mile boardwalk tour, you'll learn of our unique ecosystem. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.235.1668, ext. 242

**"Lost Colonies of the Americas" Map Exhibit and Lecture**

10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free with park admission: \$7 adults; \$5 children. Thru April 16. Claude Alix will give a lecture on rare and historical maps. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.235.1668, ext. 233

**Mountain Bike Trails**

Sunrise-Sunset. Monday-Friday. \$4 parking per vehicle on Saturdays and Sundays. Mountain bike trails for beginners, intermediate and advanced riders. Amelia Earhart Park, 401 East 65 St., Hialeah, 305.685.8389

**Skate Park**

3:30-7:30 p.m. Monday-Friday; 12-8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. \$3 for two-hour session; \$5 for two-hour session and safety equipment. Skate Park at Amelia Earhart Park, 401 East 65 St., Hialeah, 305.685.8389

**Farm Village**

9 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Monday-Friday. \$4 parking per vehicle on Saturday and Sunday. The farm village offers petting zoo daily and pony rides on Saturdays and Sundays for children weighing 70 lbs. and less. Pony rides are \$2. Bill Graham Farm Village at Amelia Earhart Park, 401 East 65 St., Hialeah, 305.685.8389

**Amusement Center**

10 a.m.-5 p.m. Daily. Ride a colorful carousel and bike or roller-blade through miles of trails. Carousel operates weekends and holidays only. Three rides for \$1. Crandon Park, 4000 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne, 305.361.5421

**Swim Lessons, Water Exercise & Arthritis Aquatics**

\$40/10 classes. Swim lessons and water exercise and arthritis exercise for ages six and older with disabilities and arthritis. Classes held at Tamiami, Norwood, A.D. Barnes, and Cutler Ridge pools. Call 305.652.4304 (north); 305.665.5319 (v/tdd) (central); or 305.234.4948 (south) for schedules.

**Arthritis Aquatics**

Various times. \$30/5 weeks on Tuesdays and Thursdays; \$30/10 Saturdays. Low impact water exercises focusing on range of motion, strength and endurance. Call 305.665.5319 (v/tdd). A.D. Barnes Pool, 3701 SW 72 Ave., Miami

**WEDNESDAY, 2****Arch Creek Ghost Tours**

7:30-9 p.m. \$5. Wednesdays. Take a night tour of Arch Creek Park and learn about its spooky past. Hear personal accounts of ghostly encounters that have occurred since the late 1800s and maybe have an encounter of your own. Call 305.944.6111 for reservations. Arch Creek Park Museum, 1855 NE 135 St., N. Miami

**Basketball Team**

5-6 p.m. \$32/month. Mondays and Wednesdays. Ages 13 and older with developmental disabilities. Learn basketball skills, drills and compete in the Special Olympics. Leisure Access Center, 3401 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.665.5319 (v/tdd)

**Children's Art Classes**

3:30-5:30 p.m. \$70 plus a \$10 craft fee. Wednesdays thru March 2. This is a multimedia art class with nature as our inspiration for ages 6-12. The session ends with a campfire and art show for parents and students. Call 305.255.4767 to register. Bill Sadowski Park and Nature Center, 17555 SW 79 Ave., Miami

## **THURSDAY, 3**

### **Deering Night Hike**

7-9 p.m. Free with park admission: \$7 adults; \$5 children. Take a moonlit guided walking tour through a tropical hardwood hammock to a Tequesta Indian burial mound. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.235.1668, ext. 242

## **FRIDAY, 4**

### **Fakahatchee Swamp Eco-Adventure Tour**

8 a.m.-5 p.m. \$40. Also, February 12. Leave your inhibitions behind and follow an informative naturalist guide into the heart of the Fakahatchee Strand Preserve. In this vast and picturesque swamp, you will discover some of the rarest plants in Florida including the Ghost Orchid. Call 305.365.3018 to register. Meet at Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne.

### **Goal Ball**

3-5 p.m. on Fridays; 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturdays. Free. A sport for ages 16 and older with visual impairments. Call Helen Barnfather at 305.945.3425 for more information. Fridays games held at A.D. Barnes Park Leisure Access Center, 3401 SW 72 Ave., Miami and Saturdays games at Palm Springs North Pool, 7901 NW 176 St., Miami.

## **SATURDAY, 5**

### **Black History Month Celebration: Storytelling**

1 p.m. Free with park admission: \$7 adults; \$5 children. The Deering Estate hosts children's storyteller Madafo for a celebration of Black History Month. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.235.1668, ext. 233

### **Gala in the Garden: A Night of Tropical Splendor**

Black tie fundraiser benefiting Fairchild's programs in education, horticulture, research and conservation. For tickets and information, please call Vicki Williamson, 305.667.1651, ext. 3375 or email her at [vwilliamson@fairchildgarden.org](mailto:vwilliamson@fairchildgarden.org). Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Road, Miami

### **Butterfly and Hummingbird Gardening Workshop**

9-11 a.m. \$15. Turn your yard into an oasis for humming birds and butterflies. Call 305.242.7688 to register. Castellow Hammock Nature Center, 22301 SW 162 Ave., Miami

### **Community Arts Festival**

10 a.m.-9 p.m. Discover the talent of local artists while the children enjoy face painting, bounce houses and police horses and helicopters. Police will finger print children. Sgt. Joseph Delancy Park, 14450 Boggs Dr., Miami

### **Kendall Indian Hammocks Park Volunteer Workday**

9 a.m.-12 p.m. Volunteers help restore natural areas by removing exotic plants, planting seedlings or picking up trash. Call 305.257.0933 for more information. Kendall Indian Hammocks Park, 11345 SW 79 St., Miami

### **Tai Chi Classes**

10:30 a.m. \$60 for a six-week session. Saturdays. Classes taught by Jeffrey Morris. Call 305.235.1668, ext. 225 for more information. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami

### **Crandon Park's Canoe Adventure**

8-10 a.m., Saturdays; 3-5 p.m., Sundays. Also, February 14 & 21 from 3-5 p.m. \$40 adults, \$25 for Miami-Dade County residents; \$15 ages 14 and younger. This Naturalist-led canoe trip

explores the forgotten and secret part of Key Biscayne. Discover the endless mangrove forest where great blue herons, iguanas and spotted eagle rays lurk. Call 305.365.3018 for reservations. Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne

#### **Crandon Park's Key Biscayne Kayak Tour**

9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 2-5 p.m. \$25. Saturdays and Sundays. Ages 9 and older. Kayak along the beautiful crystal clear waters of Key Biscayne and Crandon Park's Bear Cut Preserve. Explore the colorful tropical fish, spotted eagle rays, cushion stars, herons and other animals that share this fragile and unique sanctuary. Call 305.365.3018 for reservations. Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne

#### **Historic Oleta River Canoe Trip**

10 a.m.-1 p.m. \$25 adults; \$15 children ages 14 and younger. Saturdays. Take a ride along one of Florida's most historic and beautiful rivers. Catch a view of many wading birds and mammals in their natural habitats and visit an undisturbed Tequesta Indian midden. Call 305.365.3018 for reservations. Meet at East Greynolds Park, NE 167 St. and Biscayne Blvd., N. Miami Beach 305.944.6111.

#### **Redland Historic Bike Hike**

9 a.m.-12 p.m. \$25 includes bike; \$20 with own bike. Join this leisurely-paced, 12-mile bike hike through the Redland with a stopover at Redland Fruit & Spice Park. Call 305.365.3018 for reservations. Castellow Hammock, 22301 SW 162 Ave., Homestead

#### **Chicken Key Canoe Tour**

8-11 a.m. \$25 adults; \$15 ages 9-14. Saturdays and Sundays. Canoeists will experience the beauty of Biscayne Bay as they make their way to Chicken Key Island, a seven-acre bird rookery. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.235.1668, ext. 242

#### **Arch Creek Trail Tour**

10-11:30 a.m. \$3. Saturdays. Join us on this naturalist-guided tour through a native tropical hardwood hammock where the pioneers of North Miami once lived and the prehistoric Tequesta Indians thrived for hundreds of years living off the land. Call 305.944.6111 one day in advance for reservations. Meet at Arch Creek Museum, 1855 NE 135 St., N. Miami.

#### **Bill Sadowski Park Volunteer Workday**

9 a.m.-12 p.m. Learn about native plants and do your part to make the park more beautiful. Call 305.255.4767 for information. Bill Sadowski Park and Nature Center, 17555 SW 79 Ave., Miami

#### **Key Biscayne Heritage Bike Tour**

2-4 p.m. \$25 includes bike and helmet rental; \$20 with your own bike. Also, February 26; other dates and times: February 6 & 27 from 9-11 a.m. Learn of natural and historical events as you bike along this barrier island. Call 305.365.3018 for reservations. Crandon Park Visitors' and Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne

#### **Junior Naturalist**

\$5. Ages 6-10. This six-week program consists of different themes based on the Tropical Hardwood Hammock, including birds, plants, historical facts and more. Children will participate in nature identification, games and arts & crafts. Call 305.944.6111 for reservations. Arch Creek Park Museum, 1855 NE 135 St., N. Miami

#### **Matheson Hammock Biscayne Bay Tour**

10 a.m. and 4 p.m. \$25 adults; \$15 ages 14 and under. Saturdays and Sundays. Let go of your stress for a tour of fun and adventure that takes you along the shore of Biscayne Bay exploring the mangrove coastal community and its wildlife. Call 305.365.3018 to register. Meet the A.D. Barnes Park naturalist guides at the Redfish Grill at Matheson Hammock Park, 9610 Old Cutler Road, Miami.

**Metrozoo Eco-Canoe Tour**

8-10 a.m. \$30 adults; \$25 ages 12 and younger. (Includes a zoo admission pass for a future zoo visit.) Join us on this new exciting Eco-canoe tour at the zoo. Be part of the sights and sounds of the zoo in the early morning hours as you leisurely paddle through the backwater lake that is bordered by lush pinelands, dynamic oolitic limestone formations, and related native wildlife. Afterwards, spend a day at the zoo experiencing many of the wildlife exhibits and fun activities, or come back another day. Meet the Eco-van in front of the zoo for your transportation to the canoe tour launch site. Call 305.365.3018 to register. Miami Metrozoo, 12400 SW 152 St., Miami, 305.251.0400

**Crandon Park's Bear Cut Preserve Nature Trail Tours**

10 a.m. \$2. Tour a rare remnant of Miami's remaining maritime hammock, scrub habitat and mangrove forest. Learn how the plants and animals adapt and interact with other creatures in this ecologically hostile, yet fascinating coastal marine environment. Call 305.361.6767 for reservations. Meet at the Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Parking Lot # 1, North Beach entrance.

**Family Campfire and Night Walk**

7-9:30 p.m. \$5. Saturdays. Park naturalists will teach you about scary nighttime critters and then search for them on the trail after dark. Afterwards, enjoy a campfire with marshmallow roast and star viewing. Call 305.255.4767 for reservations. Bill Sadowski Park and Nature Center, 17555 SW 79 Ave., Miami

**Wheelchair Tennis Program**

9-11 a.m. Saturdays. Free. Ages 6 and older. All skill levels. Call 305.755.7848 (v/tdd) for more information. Big Five Tennis Club, 9299 SW 7 Terr., Miami, 305.234.4948

**Heritage Horse Show**

8 a.m.-7 p.m. Free. Thru Sunday. Tropical Park Equestrian Center, 7900 SW 40 St., Miami, 305.554.7334

**Crandon Park Heritage Tram Tours**

3 p.m. \$2 adults; \$1 children. Saturdays and Sundays. (Tram rides also available upon request for birthday parties and other special events.) Take a tram ride through Crandon Park and the Bear Cut Preserve and learn about the island of Key Biscayne and its fascinating history. From the Tequesta Indians to the pirates and pioneers, it's been an amazing journey. Call 305.361.6767 for reservations. Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne

**Saturday Morning Camp: Drop-n-Shop**

9 a.m.-1 p.m. \$5 one child, \$8 two children: \$11 three children. Saturdays. Parents, you can do your shopping while your child is supervised with activities, games, videos and arts and crafts. Highland Oaks Park, 20300 NE 24 Ave., N. Miami Beach, 305.932.2164

**Guided Historical Nature Walk**

2-4 p.m. \$3 per person; \$4 per vehicle entrance fee. Saturdays and Sundays. See animals in their natural surroundings and learn about plant life that might not be seen on a paved trail. Call 305.948.2891 for reservations. Greynolds Park, 17530 W. Dixie Highway, N. Miami Beach

**A.D. Barnes Nature Walk**

3-4 p.m. \$4. Join a naturalist as we explore the paved trail and discover the plants and wildlife that inhabit A.D. Barnes Park, 3401 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.662.4124.

**Firearm Safety**

9 a.m.-4 p.m. \$5 adults; children free. Saturdays and Sundays. Learn the fundamentals of firearm safety, range rules and regulations. Trail Glades Range, 17601 SW 8 St., Miami, 305.226.1823

**NRA First Steps Course**

10 a.m.-12.30 p.m. \$49.94. Saturdays. Ages 21 and older. This course consists of fundamental basic pistol instruction and safety and meets state requirements for the concealed weapons permit. Trail Glades Range, 17601 SW 8 St., Miami, 305.226.1823

**Canoe, Kayak and Paddle Boat Rentals**

10:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Canoes and kayaks for adults are \$4.50 per half hour and \$3 for children. Paddle boats are \$5 per half hour. The Boathouse at Greynolds Park, 17530 W. Dixie Highway, N. Miami Beach, 305.948.2891

**Water Bicycles and Kayak Rentals**

\$10 per half hour. Saturdays and Sundays. Amelia Earhart Park, 401 East 65 St., Hialeah, 305.685.8389 and Tropical Park, 7900 SW 40 St., Miami. Call 305.495.4637 for reservations at Tropical.

**SUNDAY, 6****Eco-Tour Van Trip: Loxahatchee Arthur R. Marshall National Wildlife Refuge**

8 a.m.-4 p.m. \$40 adults; \$15 ages 9-17. Also, February 20. Spend a day exploring the northern Everglades, including a cypress swamp boardwalk and marsh trail explorations where wading birds, hawks, alligators and migrating waterfowl can be spotted. Call 305.365.3018 for reservations. Trip meets at the Greynolds Park Boathouse, 17530 West Dixie Hwy, N. Miami Beach.

**Wheelchair Basketball Teams**

Free. Sundays. Wheelchair basketball for athletes ages 10 and older. Call 305.755.7848 (v/tdd) for times. McArthur Senior High, 11035 SW 84 St., Miami

**Family Day in the Park**

1-3 p.m. \$5. Sundays. Bring the family for a fun adventure at Arch Creek Park. Go on an archaeological dig, make pottery like the Tequesta Indians and hike through nature trails. Call 305.944.6111 for reservations. Arch Creek Park Museum, 1855 NE 135 St., N. Miami

**Canoe Workshop**

1-4 p.m. \$20 adults; \$15 ages 14 and under. Learn the fundamentals of canoeing, including basic strokes, steering and safety skills. Call 305.365.3018 for reservations. Bill Sadowski Park and Nature Center, 17555 SW 79 Ave., Miami, 305.255.4767

**Deering Goes to the Birds**

10 a.m. Free with park admission: \$7 adults; \$5 children. Learn about birds and butterflies with walks, interactive and informative displays and demonstrations. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.235.1668, ext. 242

**Crandon Park's Bird & Butterfly Walks**

8 a.m. \$3. Sundays. Learn the basics of bird watching and butterfly and moth identification on this naturalist-guided walk. Call 305.361.6767 for reservations. Meet at the Crandon Park Visitor and Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., parking Lot #1, North Beach entrance.

## **MONDAY, 7**

### **Magic City Monday: Le Ballet Ivoire**

10 a.m. \$3 students; chaperones are free. Le Ballet Ivoire, based in Orlando, presents traditional West African dance. Joseph Caleb Auditorium, 5400 NW 22 Ave., Miami, 305.636.2350

## **TUESDAY, 8**

### **Camp Owaissa Bauer Owl Walk and Campfire**

7-9 p.m. \$10. Bring the family for a guided night hike through a tropical hardwood hammock. See what creatures go bump in the night as we look for Ogrefaced spiders, Nighthawks, Black Witch Moths and the Eastern Screech Owl. Afterwards, join us around the campfire for a marshmallow roast. Call 305.242.7688 to register. Camp Owaissa Bauer, 17001 SW 264 St., Homestead

## **WEDNESDAY, 9**

### **A.D. Barnes Night Walk**

7:30-8:30 p.m. \$4. Also, February 23. Come burn off some weekday steam as you take a relaxing walk through our paved trails. Be prepared to meet some interesting nighttime creatures. Call 305.365.3018 for reservations. A.D. Barnes Park, 3401 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.662.4124

## **THURSDAY, 10**

### **Greynolds Owl Prowl**

7 p.m. \$5. Also, February 19 & 24. Join naturalist along park trails for the elusive Eastern Screech Owl and other creatures of the night. Call 305.948.2891 for reservations. Meet at the Boathouse at Greynolds Park, 17530 W. Dixie Highway, N. Miami Beach.

### **La Noche de los Corazones Latinos**

8 p.m. Free. Raices presents *La Noche de los Corazones Latinos*, a salsa dance competition, featuring Tropical Music Band 'Grupo Carocol.' For more information, call 305.271.0812. Raices Hispanic Heritage Cultural Arts Center at Miller Drive Park, 5510 SW 94 Ct., Miami

### **Afternoon Tea at Fairchild**

3 p.m. \$35. Also, February 24. Enjoy tea in the Ballroom. Call 305.667.1651, ext. 3391 for reservations. Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Road, Miami

## **FRIDAY, 11**

### **Fun on Friday**

6:30-10:30 p.m. \$40/monthly. Also, February 25. Social program for adults with developmental disabilities. Call Helen at 305.945.3425 for details. Greynolds Park, 17530 W Dixie Hwy., N. Miami Beach

### **UniverSoul Circus**

10 a.m. \$3 students; chaperones are free. This is an exciting global celebration of world culture featuring the music and artistry of African-American, Caribbean, African and South American cultures. Joseph Caleb Auditorium, 5400 NW 22 Ave., Miami, 305.636.2350

## **SATURDAY, 12**

### **25<sup>th</sup> Annual Cornucopia of Arts**

10 a.m.-5 p.m. \$7 adults; \$4 ages 6-12. Be a part of Miami-Dade's premier arts festival of young artists in performances and exhibitions of dance, theater, music and visual arts. Call 305.755.7948 for more information. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami

**The Magic Flute**

7 p.m. \$19-\$150. Also, February 15, 18 & 26 at 8 p.m.; February 20 at 2 p.m. The Florida Grand Opera presents Mozart's last masterpiece, *Die Zauberflöte*, a timeless drama of good versus evil taking place in ancient Egypt. Miami-Dade County Auditorium, 2901 West Flagler St., Miami, 305.547.5414, ext. 0

**Sex & the Animals**

7:30 p.m. \$15. Metrozoo's Goodwill Ambassador Ron Magill will present his critically acclaimed program, "Sex & the Animal," for adults only. This hilarious slide show uses many images of a graphic sexual nature, describing the unique, fascinating, and often-humorous mating behaviors of a wide variety of wildlife. The subject matter is presented in a very light-hearted and fun manner, often making comparisons to human sexuality. Miami Metrozoo, 12400 SW 152 St., Miami, 305.255.5551

**Lignum Vitae Key Canoe Tour**

8 a.m.-7 p.m. \$45. Join A.D. Barnes Park naturalists on this adventurous canoe tour to the pristine island of Lignum Vitae located in the middle Florida Keys. Return to the Florida of the early 1900's as you explore the island's rare plants, animals, and the historic Matheson homestead. Call 305.365.3018 for reservations. Meet at A.D. Barnes Park's Nature Center, 3401 SW 72 Ave., Miami.

**Nature Photography 101 at Crandon Park**

9-11 a.m. \$10. Capture nature's beauty! Learn the basics of photographing your subjects in their natural habitats. Call 305.361.6767 for reservations. Meet at the Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., parking lot #1, North Beach entrance.

**Bird Walk**

7:30-10 a.m. Free with park admission: \$7 adults; \$5 children. Come learn about local and migrating birds at Deering. Explore various habitats of the park while finding and identifying numerous bird species. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.235.1668, ext. 242

**Littlewood Fences Horse Show**

8 a.m.-6 p.m. Free. Thru Sunday. Tropical Park Equestrian Center, 7900 SW 40 St., Miami, 305.554.7334

**Greynolds Campfire**

4:30 p.m. \$15. Also, February 26. Begin the evening with a hike learning about medicinal, edible and other important plants. Then participate in a canoe trip to the campgrounds for storytelling, craft making and marshmallow roasting around the campfire. Call 305.948.2891 for reservations. Meet at the Boathouse at Greynolds Park, 17530 W. Dixie Highway, N. Miami Beach.

**Birding by Bike at Miami Metrozoo**

8-10 a.m. \$25 includes bike and helmet rental and bottled water; \$20 ride your own bike. Join the naturalists from Castellow Hammock Park on this leisurely paced bike ride through endangered pine rockland habitat to view native birds and plants. Afterwards, enjoy the fascinating animals of the zoo. Call 305.365.3018 to register. Meet at Larry and Penny Thompson Park, 12451 SW 184 St., Miami.

**Sports Saturday**

8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. \$32/month. Also, February 26. Basketball, swimming and exercise activities for individuals 13 and older with developmental disabilities. Leisure Access Center, 3401 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.665.5319 (v/tdd)



## **SUNDAY, 13**

### **Big Cypress Swamp Tromp**

9 a.m.-5 p.m. \$40. Cool your feet on this fun hike exploring wet prairies, sloughs and cypress swamps. Heighten your awareness by looking for wildflowers and the animals that call these habitats home. Call 305.365.3018 to register.

Meet at A.D. Barnes Park's Nature Center, 3401 SW 72 Ave., Miami.

### **Valentine's Weekend Wildflower Walk**

8:30-11:30 a.m. \$15 plus Everglades National Park entrance fee (\$10/vehicle). Join naturalist Roger Hammer, author of *Everglades Wildflowers*, on this leisurely-paced walk on Long Pine Key in Everglades National Park. Wildflowers abound this time of year in the prairies, pinelands and hammocks. Meet at the Ernest F. Coe Visitor Center bookstore, have the author sign your book and bring it along on this informative walk. Call 305.242.7688 to register.

### **Bill Sadowski Park Valentine's Day Sunset Canoe Tour**

2-6:30 p.m. \$25 adults; \$15 ages 14 and younger. Paddle to Coral Reef Park in search of wildlife and then head back to the park in time to enjoy a beautiful sunset, a picnic, and a leisurely fun time while observing white ibis returning to their roost. Call 305.365.3018 for reservations. Bill Sadowski Park and Nature Center, 17555 SW 79 Ave., Miami

### **Lovers' Brunch at the Veranda Restaurant**

Enjoy a romantic brunch in the enchanted setting of Fairchild. Call 305.667.1651, ext. 3345 for reservations. Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Road, Miami

## **MONDAY, 14**

### **Valentine's Jazz Concert: Romancing the Stone... House**

8 p.m. \$15. Enjoy an outdoor concert and be romanced by the music of jazz sensation Nicole Henry. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.235.1668, ext. 233

### **Moonlight Musicale: Big Band for Lovers**

5:30 p.m. gates open; 7 p.m. concert. \$50 adults; \$15 children. Call 305.667.1651, ext. 3391 for reservations. Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Road, Miami

### **Valentine's Arts and Crafts Sale**

9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Share with your sweetheart arts and crafts made by people with disabilities at the A.D. Barnes Leisure Access Center. Sale takes place the Stephen P. Clark Building, 111 NW 1 St., Miami.

## **THURSDAY, 17**

### **Owl Walk at Castellow Hammock**

7-8:30 p.m. \$5. Bring the family for a guided night hike through a tropical hardwood hammock. See what creatures go bump in the night as we look for OGRE-faced spiders, Nighthawks, Black Witch Moths and the Eastern Screech Owl. Call 305.242.7688 to register. Castellow Hammock Nature Center, 22301 SW 162 Ave., Miami

## **SATURDAY, 19**

### **Historic Railroad Stations in South Florida**

2 p.m. Included with admission: \$5 adults; \$3 children. Sam Boldrick, of the Miami Public Library Collection, will be giving a presentation on *Historic Railroad Stations in South Florida*. Gold Coast Railroad Museum, 12450 SW 152 St., Miami, 305.253.0063

**Everglades Peddle - Paddle**

9 a.m.-1 p.m. \$35. Our Everglades adventure starts with a leisurely bike ride along historic Aerojet Road with a chance to stop at one of the region's best birding locations. At the end of this 3.5-mile bike ride, hop in a canoe for a relaxed 4-mile journey along the border of Everglades National Park. See migratory and wading birds, Cypress swamp, everglades prairie and more. Call 305.365.3018 for registration, meeting location or further information.

**Butterfly Walk**

2-3:30 p.m. Free with park admission: \$7 adults; \$5 children. Designed for beginners and experts, this walk will explore various habitats of the park while finding and identifying numerous butterfly species. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.235.1668, ext. 242

**Everglades Appaloosa Horse Show**

9 a.m.-10 p.m. Free. Tropical Park Equestrian Center, 7900 SW 40 St., Miami, 305.554.7334

**SUNDAY, 20****Kite Day Festival**

12-5 p.m. Free. Bring the family for this day of fun that features kite building classes and dazzling air shows. Skyward Kites, Haulover Beach Park, 10800 Collins Ave., Miami Beach, 305.893.0906.

**THURSDAY, 24****Moonlight Canoe Excursion**

7-11 p.m. \$35. Ages 18 and older. Canoeists will enjoy the moonlit beauty of Biscayne Bay as they make their way to Chicken Key Island. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.235.1668, ext. 242

**FRIDAY, 25****Three Women Exhibition**

9 a.m.-6 p.m. Free. Monday-Friday. Thru March 25. This exhibition features the work of three women from different backgrounds and perspectives. African Heritage Cultural Arts Center 2166 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., 305.638.6771

**Dressage Horse Show**

8 a.m.-6 p.m. Free. Thru Sunday. Tropical Park Equestrian Center, 7900 SW 40 St., Miami, 305.554.7334

**SATURDAY, 26****Junior Reptile Club**

10 a.m.-12 p.m. \$22; \$5 per additional child or adult. Don't miss the second Junior Reptile Club meeting where reptile lovers will explore native species, and share super cool information about these fascinating creatures. Call 305.255.5551 to register. Miami Metrozoo, 12400 SW 152 St., Miami

**Seminole Wayside Park Volunteer Workday**

9 a.m.-12 p.m. Volunteers help restore natural areas by removing exotic plants, planting seedlings or picking up trash. Call 305.257.0933 for more information. Seminole Wayside Park, SW 300 St. and US1, Homestead

**Propagation**

10 a.m.-5 p.m. \$40. Learn how to reproduce tropical trees. Class covers planting seeds, root

cuttings and air layer and graft. Receive a tree to graft and take home. Fruit & Spice Park, 24801 SW 187 Ave., Homestead, 305.247.5727

### **SUNDAY, 27**

#### **Bill Sadowski Park to Coral Reef Park Sunset Canoe Tour**

1-4 p.m. \$25 adults; \$15 ages under 14. Take a leisurely paddle to Coral Reef Park in search of wildlife, have a rest and a snack, and then head back to the park in time to enjoy a beautiful sunset and flocks of ibis heading to roost. Call 305.365.3018 for reservations. Bill Sadowski Park and Nature Center, 17555 SW 79 Ave., Miami

### **MONDAY, 28**

#### **Magic City Monday: Nego Gato**

10 a.m. \$3 students; chaperones are free. Nego Gato, an Afro-Brazilian dance company, will dazzle the audience with the dance infused martial art of Capoeira. Joseph Caleb Auditorium, 5400 NW 22 Ave., Miami, 305.636.2350